given below:—

Company	State	Details	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
(XL	Jharkhand/ Bihar	FIR	25	15	61
		No. of arrests	12	1	7
		Coal recovery (Tonne)	524	677	437.3
		Approx. value (Rs. Lakhs)	524	6.8	437

(c) and (d) Illegal mining is a term commonly used for mining without a valid prospecting licence or mining lease. The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act. 1973, Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and various other Acts are sufficient to deal with the illegal mining. Section 30 of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 provides imprisonment upto 3 years for offences including illegal mining.

(e) There is no report of involvement of CCL employees in illegal mining.

(f) Does not arise in view of answer given in part (e) of this question.

Raising of Tiger Force by IAF

771. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that the Indian Air Force is seriously thinking of raising a force with new inductions and selective upgrades to supplement its air detection system;

(b) if so, the details of such expansion;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Air Force is proposing to raise "Tiger Force" to guard airports and other expensive and important areas of the country; and

(d)ifso, by when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There is a perspective plan for acquisition of a number of state-of-the art radar systems, both ground based and on airborne platforms to modernise the existing air surveillance systems.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)It is not possible to indicate any definite time frame for such a raising.

Exit policy for Officers of armed Forces

772. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is working out on Exit PoiiwJ *fZ* *!** officers of the Army, Air Force and Navy to bring down the average age of commanding officers and brigade commands;

(b) if so, would it be on the lines of the VRS offered in the PSUs;

(c) whether the proposed exercise is a part of the cadre review or cadre restructuring to improve the functional command; and

(d) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) to (d) No proposal for introduction of an exit peHcy for the officers of the Army, Air Force and Navy is under the consideration of the Government, presently.

Strengthening the LoC

773. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made to find out that instead of mobilization of Defence Forces from our Borders, involving a maintenance expenditure of 7,000 crores wheather the desired purpose would have been served by only strengthening the LoC, which would have involved much less mobilization and appreciably less maintenance expenditure; and

(b) if so, what is the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The objectives achieved from the mobilization of the Armed Forces along the International Border, and the Line of Control with Pakistan, could not have been possible by restricting our mobilization only to strengthening the Line of Control.